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SUBJ: SENATOR INAN AGAIN CRITICIZES THE U.S. CONGRESS

1. IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS MARCH 9, JUSTICE PARTY (JP) SENATOR KAMRAN INAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ACCUSED THE U.S. CONGRESS OF ONCE AGAIN FALLING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF PROPAGANDA AND TAKING A ONE-SIDED ATTITUDE IN ITS DEALINGS WITH TURKEY AND GREECE.

2. INAN SAID THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS "NEEDS TO BE REMINDED OF SOME REALITIES." ACCORDING TO INAN, THESE REALITIES ARE:

A) THE U.S. IS PARTY TO THE TREATY OF PARIS OF 1947.

B) ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14 OF THE TREATY OF PARIS, RHODES AND THE DODECANESE ISLANDS WERE CEDED TO GREECE BY ITALY AND THEY WERE TO BE DEMILITARIZED AND REMAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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SO.

C) DESPITE THIS ARTICLE, GREECE HAS BEGUN TO ARM THESE ISLANDS TO AN EXTENT THAT UPSETS THE SECURITY OF THE REGION. FURTHER, EVEN PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAS ADMITTED THAT GREECE IS DOING SO.

D) MAJORITY OF ARMS BEING SENT TO THESE ISLANDS WERE PROVIDED BY THE U.S. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DENIED BY U.S. AUTHORITIES.

E) FURTHERMORE, WEAPONS OF AMERICAN ORIGIN ARE IN THE HANDS OF GREEK AND GREEK-CYPRIOT FORCES ON CYPRUS. THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAS ACCEPTED AND ADMITTED THIS.

3. INAN CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT BY ASKING RHETORICALLY IF THE SITUATION HE DESCRIBED WERE IN VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW AND SUGGESTING THAT IF SO, CONGRESS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE APPROPRIATE "SENSITIVITY."
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